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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
	:	Examiner: Hoang X. Ngo
MINORU MATSUGUMA, ET AL.	)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2852
Application No.: 10/682,078	)	
	:	Notice of Allowance: August 20, 2004
Filed: October 10, 2003	)	
	:	Confirmation No.: 9491
For: METHOD OF DETECTING LIFE	)	
OF IMAGE BEARING MEMBER,	:	
IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS	)	
AND CARTRIDGE	:	November 15, 2004

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REQUEST FOR ENTRY OF  
SEPTEMBER 7, 2004 AMENDMENT AFTER ALLOWANCE

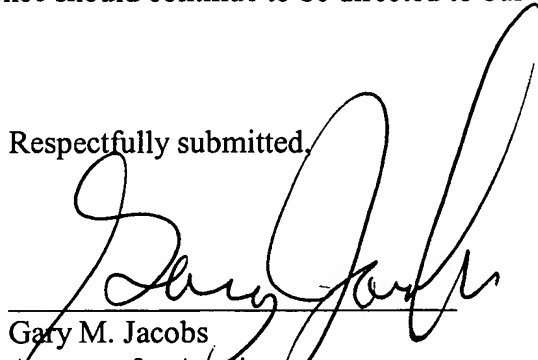
Sir:

On September 7, 2004 Applicants filed an Amendment After Allowance and a substitute specification. To-date, Applicants have not received any communication acknowledging entry of these documents by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner issue a paper entering the September 7, 2004 Amendment After Allowance and substitute specification, since the Amendment After Allowance and substitute specification merely correct minor informalities in the claims and the specification.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

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